### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

OLIVIA C. WIGGINS,	
Plaintiff, v.	CIVIL ACTION FILE NO
SALSON LOGISTICS, INC.; CHRIS MUSUSU; and PRIME PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE, INC.,	
Defendants.	

## **PETITION FOR REMOVAL**

COME NOW Defendants Salson Logistics, Inc. ("Salson"), Chris Mususu ("Mususu"), and Prime Property & Casualty Insurance, Inc. ("Prime")<sup>1</sup>, by consent of all defendants, and by and through undersigned counsel, hereby remove the above-styled action to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446.

1.

Plaintiff initiated this action in the State Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, where it was styled *Olivia C. Wiggins v. Salson Logistics, Inc; Chris Mususu; and* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prime asserts and reserves the affirmative defense of lack of personal jurisdiction under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2).

Prime Property & Casualty Insurance, Inc., Civil Action Number 23-C-03005-S3. (Exhibit A).

2.

Service on Salson was filed in the State Court of Gwinnett County on May 19, 2023. As such, this petition is timely. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

3.

Service on Chris Mususu was filed in the State Court of Gwinnett County on May 20, 2023. As such, this petition is timely. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

4.

Prime Property & Casualty Insurance, Inc has purportedly been served on May 22, 2023, but no return of service has yet been filed with the clerk. As such, this petition is timely. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

5.

Plaintiff seeks more than \$75,000, thereby satisfying the amount in controversy for federal court jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). (Exhibit B).<sup>2</sup>

6.

Plaintiff is a citizen of Georgia, residing in Fulton County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Only the actual demand letter, and not any of the supporting documents included with the letter, are included as Exhibit B.

7.

Prime is a foreign insurance corporation, incorporated in the State of Illinois with its principal place of business located in Sandy, Utah. Prime is therefore a citizen of Illinois and Utah for diversity of jurisdiction purposes.

8.

Salson is a foreign corporation, incorporated in the State of New Jersey with its principal place of business located at 888 Doremus Avenue, Newark, New Jersey and is therefore a citizen of New Jersey.

9.

Mususu is a citizen of North Carolina, residing in Mecklenburg County.

10.

There is complete diversity of citizenship between plaintiff and all defendants.

11.

All named defendants have consented in the removal to federal court.

12.

Because this action was brought in the State Court of Gwinnett County, it is properly removed to the Atlanta Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441(a) and 1446.

13.

Salson will file with the Clerk of Court for the State Court of Gwinnett County a Notice of Filing Petition for Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), attached hereto as Exhibit C.

WHEREFORE, Salson, Mususu, and Prime request that this Court allow the removal of this action to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of June, 2023.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 13, 2022, I electronically filed **PETITION FOR REMOVAL** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will automatically send notification of such filing to the following attorneys of record:

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